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ETHICS OFFICE
Ginny Looney, Ethics Officer
glooney@atlantaga.gov

09- C-0653

April 1, 2009

By electronic mail and by first class mail

Ms. Rhonda Dauphin Johnson
Municipal Clerk
55 Trinity Avenue, Suite 2700
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Ms. Johnson:

As Chair of the City of Atlanta Board of Ethics, it gives me great pleasure to report that the Board of Ethics on March 19, 2009, appointed Ginny Looney to serve as Ethics Officer for the City of Atlanta for a second six-year term of office, effective on confirmation by the Council and approval by the Mayor. Enclosed is Ms. Looney's vita.

Since her appointment in 2003, Ms. Looney has established a professional and independent ethics program. Under her leadership, the Ethics Office has provided ethics training to employees and board members, advised officials and employees on the city's ethical standards, set up an ethics enforcement program, and established a web-based Electronic Disclosure System. The result is a strong ethics program that provides more openness and transparency in government operations and helps assure the public's trust in its government.

The Board of Ethics appreciates the support of city officials and employees in helping to promote an ethical culture within city government. We believe Ms. Looney will continue to strengthen the ethics program to the benefit of the citizens of Atlanta.

Sincerely,


John Lewis, Jr.

cc: Mayor Shirley C. Franklin (by electronic mail only)
Council President Lisa Borders (by electronic mail only)
Council member Felicia Moore (by electronic mail only)



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May 22, 2003

Sent Via U.S. Mail & Facsimile (404) 658-6273

Rhonda Johnson
Municipal Clerk's Office
55 Trinity Avenue, Suite 2700
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

03-C-0899

Re: Ethics Officer

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Ethics Board, on May 15, 2003, concluded its search for an ethics officer by unanimously selecting Virginia Looney to become the City's inaugural ethics officer.

The Ethics Board began its search to fill the position of ethics officer in December of last year. After receiving and reviewing applications from more than eighty (80) diverse and extremely well qualified applicants, the Ethics Board Hiring Committee reduced to eight (8) the number of candidates most worthy of an interview. Thereafter, the Ethics Board Hiring Committee, joined by Linda DiSantis, the City Attorney, personally interviewed the remaining eight (8) candidates on April 2, 2003. While all of the candidates exemplified many of the qualities the Hiring Committee deemed essential for the job of ethics officer, Virginia Looney was by far the preeminent candidate. Mrs. Looney has an excellent eighteen (18) year work history that includes both private and public sector experience and she made an excellent presentation before the Hiring Committee; she was the obvious choice for the Hiring Committee.

I have forwarded this notice to you so that you may, in keeping with the City's established policies and procedures, forward Mrs. Looney's candidacy to the City Council for their ratification and then to Mayor Franklin for her approval. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call on me at (770) 414-3655.

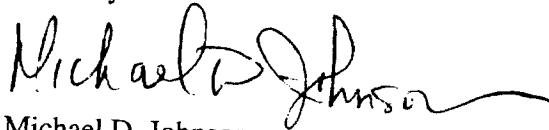
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COUNCIL

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Virginia Looney - Ethics Officer Candidate
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Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael D. Johnson
Chairman - City of Atlanta Board of Ethics

cc: Honorable Shirley C. Franklin
Mayor - City of Atlanta

Honorable Cathy Woolard
President - City Council

Jo Avery
Senior Assistant City Attorney

Mrs. Virginia Looney

VIRGINIA L. LOONEY
737 Myrtle Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30308
Home (404) 892-7051
Work (404) 651-5918
looneyv@attglobal.net

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

- 1991 - present Law Clerk, Chief Justice Norman S. Fletcher, Supreme Court of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1988 - 1991 Litigation Associate, Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1986 - 1987 Litigation and Corporate Associate, Mayer, Nations & Perkerson, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1985 - 1986 Law Clerk, U.S. District Court Judge William Wayne Justice, Eastern District of Texas, Tyler, Texas.

EDUCATION:

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW

J.D., summa cum laude, May 1985.

Class Rank: First of 244.

Activities: Editor-in-chief, 1984-1985; Editorial Board, 1983-1984, *Georgia Law Review*; Winner, Best Team and Best Brief, Georgia Intrastate Moot Court Competition, 1984; Semifinalist, First Year Moot Court Competition, 1983; Board of Directors, Women Law Students Association.

Honors: Order of the Coif, Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, Alumni Association Award for highest academic average in first-year class.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

B.A., Southern Studies and Women Studies, magna cum laude, New College, August 1974.

Activities: Associated Women Students President, Vice-President, and Representative; Student Government Association Senator; Problem Pregnancy Counseling Center; Crimson-White reporter.

Honors: Barbara Wallenfang Award for Outstanding Senior Woman, Omicron Delta Kappa, Mortar Board, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT:

1979 - 1982 Director, Vocational Education Monitoring Project, American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia.

1977 - 1978 Researcher, Women's Rape Research Follow-up Project, University of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia.

1976 - 1977 Director, Alabama Prison Project, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

1975 - 1976 Director, The Constitution Lobby, Montgomery, Alabama.

1974 - 1975 Reporter, *The Decatur Daily*, Decatur, Alabama.

PUBLICATIONS:

State Appellate Court Jurisdiction (research in progress).

Comment, "The Unconstitutional Use of Deadly Force Against Nonviolent Fleeing Felons," 18 *Ga. L. Rev.* 137 (1983).

No Room at the Top: The Limited Job Opportunities for Women and Black Educators: A Review of Employment at the Alabama Department of Education and the Technical, Community, and Junior Colleges (1982).

Preparing Students for Work - An Evaluation of Co-op Programs in Georgia (May 1982).

The Unfulfilled Promise of Vocational Education: A Look at Race and Sex Equity in Georgia (July 1980).

RECENT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

Morningside Elementary School PTA Secretary, Book Fair Chair, Math Superstars Coordinator, tutor, classroom reader.

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Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

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VIRGINIA LOONEY ETHICS OFFICER

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NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 2
EXCUSED: 1
ABSENT 2

Y Smith	B Archibong	E Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	Y Fauver	Y Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	B Maddox	Y Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	NV Boazman	NV Woolard

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A Communication by Michael Johnson, Chairman of the Board of Ethics, to Municipal Clerk Rhonda Johnson:

Announcing the Ethics Board unanimous selection of Virginia Looney to become the City's inaugural ethics officer.

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JUN 16 2003

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George J. Smith
Henry J. Smith

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ATTEST: Rhonda Johnson, Municipal Clerk
Rhonda Johnson, Municipal Clerk

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MAYOR'S ACTION

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A COMMUNICATION BY
COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL

A COMMUNICATION BY JOHN LEWIS, JR., CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS FOR THE CITY OF ATLANTA, TO RHONDA DAUPHIN JOHNSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK FOR THE CITY OF ATLANTA, REPORTING THE BOARD'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. GINNY LOONEY TO SERVE AS THE ETHICS OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF ATLANTA. THIS APPOINTMENT, WHICH IS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL AND APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR, IS FOR A TERM OF SIX (6) YEARS, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON JULY 3, 2009.

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